Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—Is not the Vela community more backward than many of the depressed class communities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—I can confidently say that it is not so.

Foot-path to Nedungad Bridge.

166. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that there are no public foot-paths leading to the approaches of the Nedungad bridge;

(b) will the Government be pleased to open foot-paths and obviate this difficulty of the people in approaching the Nedungad bridge?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is being considered. The approach road on the Nedungad side is being completed.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—Are there Government foot-paths connecting the Nedungad bridge on either side?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—I don't think there are any poramboke lands.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—They are not poramboke lands. On either side there are private lands. Government should take steps to see that they are acquired. That is the purport of my question.

Foot-path—Manjanakad Jetty—Narakkal.

167. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the obstruction caused to the foot-path leading from Manjanakad jetty to the interior of Narakkal;

(b) whether the Government intends opening a foot-path connecting Manjanakad jetty with the new hospital road;

(c) the approximate time the Government will be taking in opening this road;

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